

## **Stoutland Elementary**

Stoutland Elementary School, Stoutland, Missouri is the home of the Stoutland Tigers. Stoutland Elementary is small school located in rural Camden County near the Lake of the Ozarks Region. Most of the Stoutland School District's families work in nearby Lebanon and surrounding areas in manufacturing, construction, farming and raising livestock. Over 60% of the students in Stoutland Elementary are on free and reduced lunches and the community's percentage of poverty is a whopping 22.7%. A major strength of our school district is it's willingness to partner with the community, staff, students and their families to recognize and build on their individual strengths and maintain a student centered environment that is respectful, equitable, unified and nurturing.

The Stoutland School serves as a hub for much of the activity that takes place in the community. The Stoutland school library is a polling place for citizens in the community. Various sporting events, plays, musicals and other school productions are well attended by the community. The district works hard to include the community on many of its initiatives including a technology, curriculum, school improvement, and advisory teams to name a few. Stoutland Elementary School enjoys strong community support but is significantly limited in resources due to the lack of business and industrial resources within the district's tax base.

Our school district has a great tradition of athletic excellence. The community and its children have always taken great pride in the area of athletics. School pride in athletics has carried over to our academics as well. More recently, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education accredited the Stoutland School District with distinction in performance in 2005-2006. This was the second time the district had received this honor. Stoutland Elementary has led the way as the leader in MAP test scores in the Frisco League in most academic areas of the MAP the last few years. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch published an article in the fall of 2006 that indicated Stoutland's third grade communication arts scores on the MAP in 2006 ranked 6th in the state. Success on the MAP and other achievement tests is the result of a strong commitment to educating our students by our staff, district administration and patrons of the community.

The vision of the Stoutland R-2 School District is to provide a quality, diverse education in a safe learning environment with an evolving technology program that will enable students to be well-rounded lifelong learners, community service minded, and productive adult citizens in our global world. It is the mission of the Stoutland R-2 School District to educate all students to become life long learners.

At Stoutland Elementary we believe that all students can learn if they are given enough time and opportunity. We make every attempt to provide our students with the time and opportunity they need to learn. Our research of best practices and methods is constant and on going. It is our goal to use a variety of methods, interventions and methods that are backed by thorough research. Our facilities, while they are quite old, are well cared for and structurally sound. Many of our students parents and grandparents attended elementary and high school in the current elementary school building and often like to come back to visit and reminisce. One of the highlights of the school year for our community is the annual school carnival, which is held largely in the current elementary building. This event serves as a "homecoming" of sorts.